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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Deepak B. SALUNKE, et al ) Group Art No.: 1617  
Application No: 10/815,109 ) Examiner: BADIO, Barbara P.  
Filed: 03/30/2004 ) Re: *Petition for Extension of Time*  
For: "Bile Acid Derived Steroidal..." ) Our Ref: B-5412 621815-6  
Date: January 31, 2007

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))**

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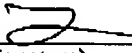
Sir or Madam:

1. This is a Petition for an extension by three months of the time to respond further to the Office Action mailed on August 2, 2006.
2. Applicant is a large entity.
3. Please charge to deposit account no. 12-0415 the amount of \$570.00 which reflects the difference between the two-month extension fee paid January 3, 2007 and the fee for a three-month extension for this amendment filed concurrently with this Petition. Please charge this deposit account any additional fee required or credit for any excess paid.

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